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(57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To form a lens having excellent shape accuracy and surface accuracy by temporarily reducing or eliminating the forming pressure after the completion of hot-pressing in the press-forming of a lens with a forming mold consisting of an upper mold and lower mold and again pressing the formed lens under cooling.

CONSTITUTION: A lens raw material 13 is compression molded in a space between an upper mold 11 and a lower mold 12 of a forming mold. In the above process, the forming pressure is temporarily reduced or eliminated after the completion of the hot-pressing and the formed lens is pressed under cooling. The lens raw material 13 is preferably a columnar material and the linear expansion coefficient of the material is preferably ≥50×10-7/°C between 100°C and

300°C.

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